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The Tientsin Tax Bureau and the Bureau of Industries and Commerce have revised the measures controlling merchants from other cities having business in Tientsin. At a joint meeting the bureaus decided that every merchant coming to Tientsin to buy or sell commodities must have a certificate issued by the appropriate Tientsin authorities. In applying for registration the transient merchant must produce a substantial shop guarantee. The certificate he receives, as well as the documents authorizing him to deal in commodities, must be kept ready for immediate inspection. Transient merchants are not permitted to both buy and sell commodities, nor are they allowed to act as brokers.

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Comment. Tighter controls on transient merchants are a logical continuation of the five anti's campaign, which proved effective in controlling shopowners whose books could be examined and whose employees could be questioned. Since transient merchants could not be controlled by these methods, the authorities considered the above measures necessary.

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